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One of these tokens is of interest primarily because of its reference to an amusing episode in Civil War history. On the obverse is the American flag and on the reverse the name "Dix" in a circle surrounded by the legend "If anybody attempts to tear it down---shoot him on the spot."

The "Dix" mentioned on the token refers to John A. Dix, then Secretary of the Treasury who, on January 29, 1861, sent the following message to the commanding officer at New Orleans whose duty it was to protect the United States mint located there: "If anyone attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot."

These were brave words to send from a swivel chair in the then safe capitol to a man with a small force in the midst of the opposition, and the disgust of the receiver of the message may well be imagined.

Needless to say, the Confederates took the mint with little difficulty.

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## THE COIN IN THE FISH'S MOUTH

Jesus and His disciples had recently returned from their trip north into the Paneas country.

"And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received the tribute money came to Peter and said, Doth not your Master pay tribute?

"He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute of their own children, or of strangers?

"Peter saith unto Him, Of strangers Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

"Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money; that take, and give unto them for me and thee." (Mat. 17:24-27)

What "piece of money" was that?

Let's reason it through. The quotation is from the Authorized Version. The Revised Version has it, ". . .thou shalt find a shekel."

The amount required by the Jews as sacred tribute for one was a half shekel. For two, the requirement would be one shekel. Here is the Mosaic law:

"The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls." (Ex. 30:15)

We know that coin had to be of the silver value of a shekel of silver in Moses' time -- weight, of course, for there were no coins in Moses' time.

Our first thought is of the Macabean shekels made in the second century B.C. But they had disappeared from common circulation by Christ's time. That eliminates the Jewish shekel.

We inquire what coins were in circulation in Christ's time, that were accepted as of shekel value. We learn that several tetradrachms passed for shekel value. No doubt Syrian and Egyptian tetradrachms filtered through Judaeen markets. We remember that money-changers at the Temple in Jerusalem received their gains by overcharging for

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changing coins of visitors into coins acceptable as sacred tribute. Surely, both Syrian and Egyptian tetradrachms would have been in their gatherings. So we eliminate such from our consideration.

Now we have attained unto some sounder footing -- two more tetradrachms -- coins which we know were in circulation in Jesus' time -- the tetradrachm of Antioch, capitol of the Asiatic Roman provinces, where the disciples were first called Christians (Acts 11:26), that although in commerce it was equally acceptable with the tetradrachms of Tyre, it contains only four-fifths as much silver as does the tetradrachm of Tyre of the same period.

The foregoing prepares us for acceptance of the testimony of the learned Jewish rabbis. THE TALMUD is their book explaining the laws of the Pentateuch. The Palestinian Talmud was written about 350 A.D. The Babylonian about 550 A.D. Talmudic laws excluded tetradrachms of Antioch from the Temple treasury; that is, all coins but Tyrian (Tyre of Phoenicia) were excluded -- only Tyrian coins were acceptable as sacred tribute.

If you do not have access to THE TALMUD, you can find confirmation of this in Hastings DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE, Vol. 111, pp. 422 and 432.

The foregoing seems quite conclusive evidence, that the coin in the fish's mouth was none other than a tetradrachm of Tyre. It has on its obverse the Phoenician god Melkarth; he was one of the Baalim. On its reverse is an eagle, symbol of strength, majesty, power and far-seeing. Tucked under the eagle's wing is a palm branch, symbol of victory. He is standing on a rudder.

-- Florence Aiken Banks

### ANCIENT TYRE OF PHOENICIA

B. C. 106-105 Tetradrachm (Shekel) Described in preceding article.

This is not only the coin taken from the Fish's Mouth, but also the coin referred to in Matthew 27:5, "Thirty pieces of silver..." for which Judas betrayed Christ. We are fortunate in being able to offer a few choice specimens.

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# WHICH ONE ?

In "MAN TO MAN ANSWERS" in a recent issue of TRUE Magazine, the question was asked - "How did the dollar sign originate?"

Possibly not realizing that this is one of the most controversial subjects in numismatics today, they gave the following answer, using the U. S. Treasury as the authority. Quote: "...it is the result of evolution, independently in different places, of the Mexican or Spanish use of the "P" for pesos, piastres, or pieces of eight. The idea, derived from a study of old manuscripts, is that the "S" gradually came to be written over the "P", thereby developing a close equivalent of the \$ mark, which eventually evolved. The sign was widely used before adoption of the U.S. dollar in 1785." Unquote.

Here are several other theories regarding this subject:

1. - It is a modification of the figure "8" from the 8 Reale piece which circulated extensively in this country and had considerable influence on our coinage.
2. - It is a combination of H-S, at one time the mark of the Roman Mint.
3. - It was taken from the Spanish dollar. On the reverse of this piece is a representation of the Pillars of Hercules, and around each pillar a scroll with the inscription "Plus Ultra". This device in the course of time degenerating into the dollar sign.
4. - It is a combination of P and S from the Spanish peso duro which means "hard dollar." In Spanish accounts peso is controlled by writing the S over the P, and placing it over the sum.

Personally, I favor the following theory: That it is a combination of U and S, the initials of the United States.

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